

longer with us who would run around here and pick up motions and names on a kill motion. And so before I would have a chance to debate the bill, I would have to fight off a kill motion or attempt to fight off a kill motion first thing. So I think if we are going to talk about the fairness issue, we should go back and do a little soul searching and look back the last three or four years, and I support the override...or the suspension.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. There are no other lights on. The Chair would make probably one comment before recognizing Senator Schmit to close on his motion to suspend. I think there has been some misunderstanding with the comment that I made regarding the...the...the comment that I made to strike. I believe the comment that I made was that a motion to strike I didn't believe added to the germaneness, germaneness issue. There is no question in my mind, Senator Schmit and others, that we can strike bills and we have stricken sections. I think the Chair was misunderstood at that point and the resultant conversation was not relevant. I think we need to look at what the amendment says. And, with that, I recognize Senator Schmit to close.

**SENATOR SCHMIT:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's amazing how rapidly I can raise the moral level of this Legislature and it's about time that we raised it just a little bit, I think, after what happened here yesterday. And I would suggest that those of you who are so morally indignant today might go back home and examine your conscience just a little bit about the tens of millions of dollars you shoveled out the State House door to the rich and the powerful while professing to assist many times the needy. But anyway that's beside the point. We are all senators on this floor, as has been explained many times. We are not juniors, nor seniors; we are not male nor female, we are legislative representatives of our district and of the State of Nebraska. And I take a little bit of satisfaction, I think, in knowing that the motion which I have offered has been offered many times and has been successful many times and we did not have, in most instances, the moral indignation that has arisen during this particular time of debate. I have to kind of just smile a little bit about Senator Pappas's comments because I do believe that in those instances my good friend, Senator Marsh, was one of the first to sign those kill motions and did so with alacrity because she believed in the correctness of her position. And no one concerned and no one ever challenged whether or not that was fair, equitable or whether someone else had a chance to debate the bill. It was a matter of killing the